

Regional Growth Centers Criteria Report

Seattle Uptown Regional Growth Center



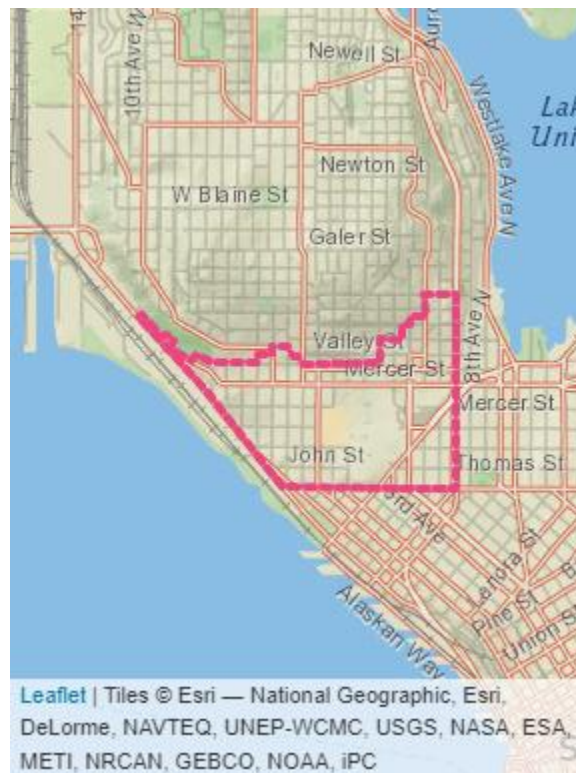
Designation Recommendation

Conditionally redesignate Uptown as a regional growth center under the Regional Centers Framework, provided the city meets applicable regional criteria. The center supports VISION 2050's goals to create compact, livable places that accommodate significant regional growth, while promoting sustainability and inclusion.

To meet conditions, the city will:

- Adopt a subarea plan for the center by December 31, 2027

Background









Uptown is known for its steep hills, tight urban form, and sweeping views of the Seattle skyline, Elliott Bay, and Lake Union. This center sits on the southern slopes of Queen Anne Hill, adjacent to Belltown and the Denny Triangle neighborhoods. Seattle Center, home to some of the city’s premier arts, sports, and entertainment organizations and facilities, has been an important and defining feature of the community for over 50 years.

Evaluation of Regional Growth Centers Requirements

Status Icons:

 On track
  Needs attention
  Does not meet criteria
  N/A

Criteria		Status
Center Type	—	Metro Growth Center
Density Required: 30 people/acre		The Uptown Regional Growth Center's current density is 86 people per acre, which meets the criteria.
Planned Target Density: 85 people/acre		The Uptown Regional Growth Center's planned density is 186 people per acre, which meets the criteria. Reaching this density shows whether the center is effectively managing and concentrating growth within its boundaries.
Mix of Uses: 15% of planned residential and employment activity		73% of planned growth is expected to be residential.
Size: 320 to 640 acres (larger if served by high-capacity transit)		The Uptown Regional Growth Center is currently 335 acres.
Transit Access: Existing or planned frequent bus service or high-capacity transit		The center has existing bus rapid transit, monorail and bus service and is planning for light rail to serve the community.
Market Potential: Demonstrated capacity to support growth targets	—	A market study was not required. Since 2010, the center has increased density by 24 people per acre.

Criteria	Status
Subarea/Centers Plan	 <p>The city has not adopted a subarea plan for the center. Please see recommended designation conditions regarding adoption of the subarea plan.</p>

Jurisdiction Comments / Additional Context

The City of Seattle has begun work on a subarea plan for the Uptown Regional Center and anticipates adopting the plan in 2027. Link light rail service will be added during the planning period, improving high-capacity transit service.